

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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Introduced by: Richardson

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A RESOLUTION honoring teacher Jill Baisinger and her Hamilton Southeastern High School government class on the occasion of their victory in the "We the People ... The Citizen and the Constitution" state competition.

*Whereas, One of the goals of the "We the People ... The Citizen and the Constitution" competition is to "promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's elementary and secondary students";*

*Whereas, Since the beginning of the "We the People ..." competition in 1987, more than 26 million students and 82,000 educators have participated, as well as members of Congress, businesses, professionals, and community organizations across the nation;*

*Whereas, The "We the People ..." competition is based on a classroom curriculum that complements the regular school curriculum by providing upper elementary, middle, and high school students with an innovative course of instruction on the history and principles of constitutional democracy in the United States;*



*Whereas, The "We the People ..." competition was designed to include a wide range of students with varying abilities;*

*Whereas, Jill Baisinger led her class to victory in the "We the People ..." state competition on December 9, 2004;*

*Whereas, Jill Baisinger and the following students from Hamilton Southeastern High School will represent Indiana at the national competition in Washington D.C. on April 29 – May 3: Ryan Arnold, Natasha Arora, Kelsey Buckingham, Ricardo Doriott, Eddie Gillham, Worthe S. Holt III, Carolyn Homer, Kyle Lymberopoulos, Ashley Martin, Michael Matern, Allison Nimtz, Alex Orlowski, Laura Peregrim, Jennifer Wardell, Brian White, and Marissa Wills; and*

*Whereas, Involvement with the "We the People ..." competition allows students to develop a greater understanding of democratic principles and values and promotes political tolerance, and teachers such as Jill Baisinger help to prepare the youth of Indiana for a future that will encourage their knowledge of and participation in our democratic system of government: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates Jill Baisinger and her Hamilton Southeastern High School class on their victory in the "We the People ... the Citizen and the Constitution" state competition and encourages Jill Baisinger to continue to instill in her students a commitment to democratic principles. Good luck to them as they compete in the national competition.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Jill Baisinger and the members of her Hamilton Southeastern High School class.

